



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.310)

Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Social and Health Services, Economic Services Administration

Subject of possible rule making:

The department is proposing amendments to the following WACs:

- 388-436-0050 "Determining financial need and benefit amount for CEAP";
- 388-478-0005 "Cash Assistance need and payment standards and grant maximum";
- 388-478-0020 "Payment standards for TANF, SFA, and RCA";
- 388-478-0035 "Maximum earned income limits for TANF, SFA, and RCA";
- Any other related rules

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:

RCW 74.04.50; 74.04.055; 74.08.090; Chapters 74.08A and 74.12 RCW

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

The department may propose amendments to reduce payment standards, maximum earned income limits, grant maximum amount and other related rules. The proposed changes are necessary to achieve targeted budget reductions for the remainder of the 2011-2013 biennium and thereafter, which may help to prevent further WorkFirst program reductions in the future.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

No other agencies regulate this subject.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study
- ☒ Other (describe)

DSHS welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, DSHS will file a proposal with the Office of the Code Reviser with a notice of proposed rule making. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.) Contact: Aurea Figueroa-Rogers, Program Manager

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